

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

AGENDA

9th Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, June 17, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Hearing Room - 8th Floor

40 Fountain Street

Providence, RI 02903

1. Motion to approve minutes of Open Session held on June 3, 2014.

2. Advisory Opinions:

a.) W. Keith Burlingame, Esq., a member of the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from accepting an appointment to serve as the Executive Director of the

Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review.

b.) Ronald A. McKenna, the Treasurer and the Tax Collector for the Manville Fire District, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from seeking election to serve as a Fire Warden in the Manville Fire District and, if elected, from simultaneously holding all three positions.

c.) Thomas R. O'Loughlin, the Director of Public Works for the Town of Middletown, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Ethics prohibits him from preparing residential architectural plans and site plans, on his own time, for his friends who wish to renovate their private residences in Middletown.

d.) The Honorable Joseph M. Polisena, the Mayor of the Town of Johnston, requests an advisory opinion regarding whether the Town may, consistent with the Code of Ethics, hire the son of the Town's Building Official/Deputy Public Works Director as a part-time electrical inspector, provided that the Town institutes and follows an alternative chain of command relative to any and all supervision issues.

3. Legislative Update: Review and discussion of pending legislation, and of the Ethics Commission's position on same, including:

a.) Senate Bill 2585 Sub A as amended (Quasi-public Corporation

Transparency and Accountability Act), passed by the Senate on June 4, 2014 and transmitted to the House of Representatives.

b.) Senate Bill 2590 (An Act Relating to the General Assembly – Lobbying), passed by both chambers and transmitted to the Governor on June 11, 2014.

c.) Senate Resolution 2824 Sub A as amended (Joint Resolution to Approve and Publish and Submit to the Electors a Proposition of Amendment to the Constitution of the State –Ethics Commission), on the Senate Calendar for June 12, 2014.

4. Director's Report:

a.) Docket Status Update.

5. Motion to go into Executive Session, to wit:

a.) Motion to approve minutes of Executive Session held on June 3, 2014, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

b.) In re: James R. Grundy, Complaint No. 2014-2, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) and (4).

c.) Motion to return to Open Session.

- 6. Motion to seal minutes of Executive Session held on June 17, 2014.**
- 7. Report on actions taken in Executive Session.**
- 8. New Business proposed for future Commission agendas and general comments from the Commission.**
- 9. Adjournment.**

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